

State of California Food Handler Card Legislation

On September 25, 2010, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 602 into law. Effective January 1, 2011, this new law requires a “food handler” within the State of California to obtain a food handler card and maintain this card for the duration of his/her employment. Many jurisdictions throughout the State did not have a training program in place prior to the enactment of this law. This situation created a disparity in food worker training and certification throughout the State that was resolved by this bill.

SB 602 **does not change** the way the food worker certification program is administered in San Bernardino County. Food employees working in San Bernardino County are still required to obtain their food handler card from San Bernardino County, Environmental Health Services. Food worker cards from other Counties or programs are not an acceptable substitute. Please visit www.sbcounty.dehs or call 1-800-442-2283 for more information on our food worker program.



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